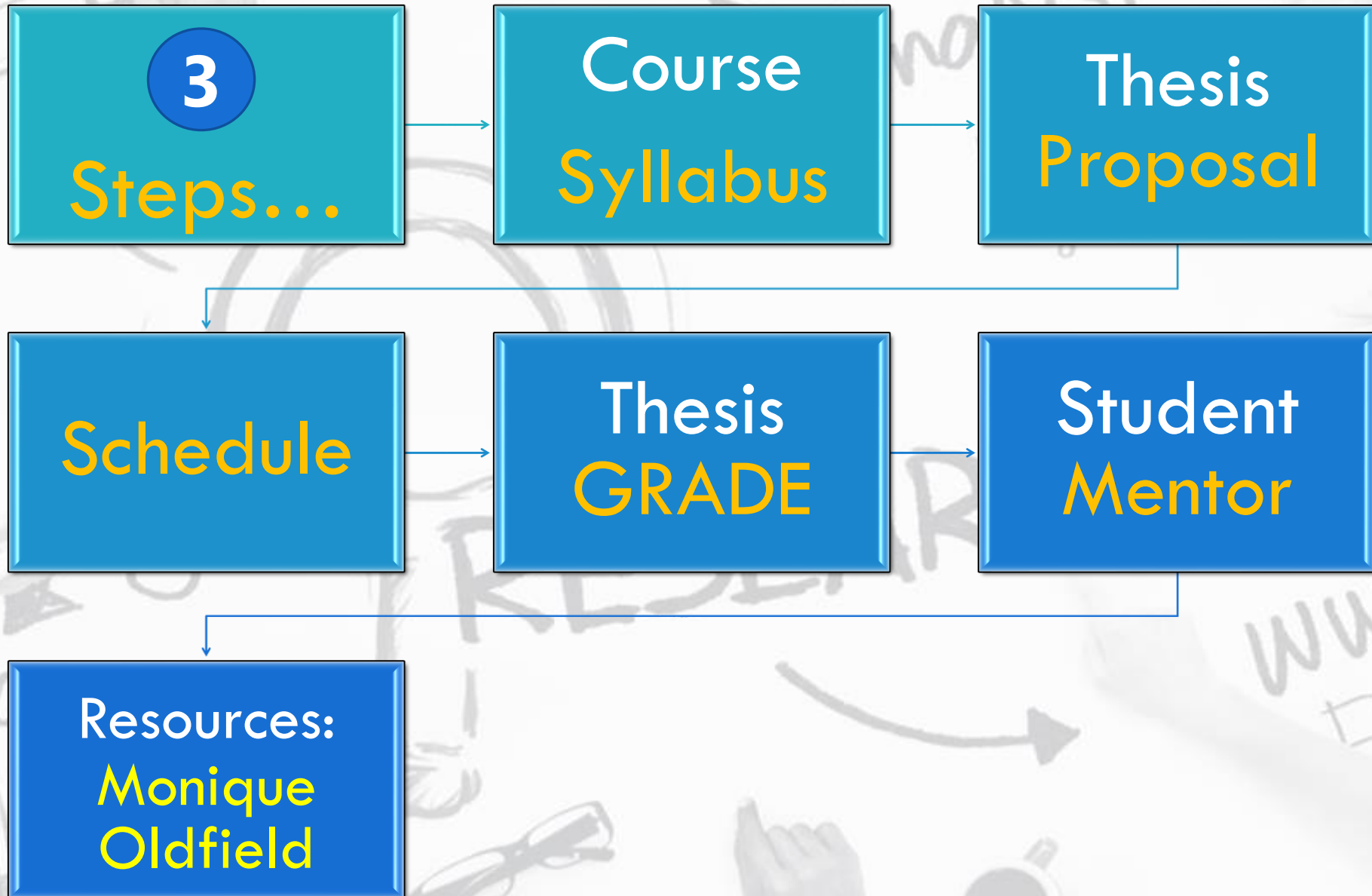# Fall'24 | Thesis Info-Session
HON 4998 | Thesis course

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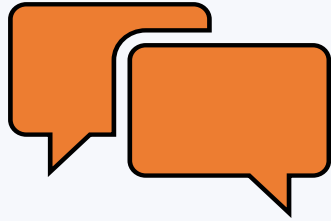
Monique Oldfield- *Honors Librarian*

Overview

3 Steps…	Course Syllabus	Thesis Proposal
Schedule	Thesis GRADE	Student Mentor
Resources: Monique Oldfield		

1

Identify a WSU Faculty to mentor you for the duration of your project.

Suggestion: Think about past classes where faculty was engaging, interesting and exciting. Reach out to that faculty for their availability.

2

Discuss with mentor a Topic/Question/Project that you want to expand.

Suggestion: Is there a question in a persuasive manner, or elements you want to extend in a project or academic essay?

3

Plan To Attend…

Thesis Info-Session

WINTER'25:

Fri | Jan 10 & Jan 17

1 pm via ZOOM

NOTES:

- ✓ Mentors must be a WSU, full-time faculty: i.e. Senior lecturer, Lecturer, Professor, Assistant or Associate Professor.
- ✓ Search WSU faculty (mentor) using the search feature located on the WSU's home page.
- ✓ Request a 'block lift' to register for the HON 4998 course
- ✓ Your attendance is required for the **Thesis Info-Session** (virtual meet.)
- ✓ Having a topic or topic-area before identifying a faculty can be helpful to ensure faculty has knowledge in that subject area.

3

Steps to Crafting an Effective Thesis Project!

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HON 4998 Thesis Project – Senior Level Course

HON 4998
Syllabus

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HON 4998 Syllabus - University Honors Thesis

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Course description from the current *Undergraduate Bulletin*
Prerequisite: junior or senior standing and Honors College approval.
For students not concurrently in a Departmental Honors program (**n.b.** with the exception of Foreign Language Honors). Honors students should plan to register for the course at least two semesters prior to graduation. Eligible projects could include: Independent research project, essay, or creative project. *Students are responsible for identifying their own research project and full-time faculty member.* If needed, at the end of the first semester, students can request a deferred ("Y") grade with a grade change processed at the completion of the thesis in a subsequent semester.

About the Honors College
The University Honors track is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary program that includes
- A foundational sequence with a fall City course and a winter seminar (of student's course)
- A field or experiential learning course involves one of the parameters:
  o service-learning
  o UG Research
  o Study/Travel abroad
  o Internship/Co-op/Practicum
The Departmental Honors track, often referred to as "Honors in your major," is discipline-specific and requirements including thesis course will vary based on the program.

Course Outcomes
At the conclusion of the Honors Thesis experience, students are expected to be able to:
- Communicate effectively in written and oral form (Information Literacy, Writing)
  o Use standard, edited American English (or, for Language Honors majors, whichever language is agreed upon by the students and instructor)
  o Consider audience and purpose
  o Select the appropriate tone and genre
  o Adapt to different writing situations
  o Build a clear, cohesive argument
  o Effectively revise and proof materials

- Demonstrate critical thinking skills (Problem Solving, Critical Thinking)
  o Collect and organize credible evidence
  o Formulate questions
  o Evaluate arguments
  o Construct arguments
  o Employ knowledge to solve problems

HON 4998 Proposal

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HON 4998 Honors Thesis Proposal Form

By signing this form, the WSU (Wayne State University) Faculty mentor agrees to supervise the student on the proposed thesis project. This signature does not constitute final approval of the thesis.

Proposal Form Due Date:

SEMESTER REGISTERED:	YEAR:	MAJOR:

STUDENT INFORMATION	
Name (first, middle initial, last)	Phone#
WSU Access ID @wayne.edu	WSU Banner ID 00-
Student Signature	Date

THESIS INFORMATION
Was the thesis description attached/written?

FACULTY ADVISOR INFORMATION:	*" I have read and approve of this proposal for the HON 4998 Thesis course"*	
Faculty/Mentor (full-time WSU faculty REQURIED)	Faculty Title: *(select one)* o Assistant Professor o Associate Professor o Professor o Lecturer / Senior Lecturer	Department
Faculty Access ID/E-mail	Faculty Phone#	
Faculty Signature	Date	

Does the thesis involve human participation? Will it require IRB approval?   YES _____   NO _____
If YES, then please refer to CANVAS for additional information.

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HON 4998 Schedule

HON 4998 HONORS THESIS SCHEDULE
WINTER 2024 | CRN – 20827

Classes Begin	Jan 8
Degree Application Due	Feb 9
Thesis Proposal Due	Feb 5
HOLIDAY - No Classes/MLKday	Jan 15
Last Day to Withdraw	Mar 25
Request for Y grade	May 1
Classes End	Apr 22
Final Exams Week	Apr 24 - 30
Click link to view WSU Academic & Registration Calendar: • https://wayne.edu/registrar/registration/calendar22-23	

- **Required:** Schedule to attend *Info-Session* (virtual)-> `Fri> Jan 12, 11a or Jan 19, 2p`

- **Access** the CANVAS course to review course resources and material.

- **Required:** Submit your Thesis Proposal form (online) in CANVAS. The proposal should describe your thesis topic and agreement signatures from you and your identified WSU faculty-mentor.

- **Recommended:** Make an appointment with the Honors Librarian for the subject area that is related to your thesis and for preparation in writing the Abstract review obtaining full text articles or books from other libraries, or to assist you with your citation formatting.

  - To schedule an appointment: https://library.wayne.edu/forms/consultation_request.php

    - **Honors Librarian**: ~~Veronica Bielat~~ | Email: ag3808@wayne.edu

  - Please provide a copy of your thesis topic when meeting with the Librarian

- **Start your thesis work….!**

- When thesis project completed, do the following: (**1**) submit the final draft to mentor; (**2**) Email me upon completion: at3990@wayne.edu; (**3**) Upload the *final draft* & *Abstract* (**250 words**) in CANVAS (separate links) – verified by **UniCheck** for checking research.

- Notify your mentor about your final grade.

- Review training module: "Submit Your Approved Thesis to Digital Commons@WSU" in CANVAS. **Optional**: Submit your final thesis in Digital Commons@WSU.

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HON 4998 – HONORS THESIS GRADING & PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Dear Faculty Mentor,

On behalf of the Honors College and the Honor student, we thank you for your time and assistance with the Honors Thesis.

Please use this form to submit the final Honors Thesis grade and the Program Assessment for your student. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,
Aundra R. Freeman
at3990@wayne.edu

Student's Name:	

Faculty Mentor's Name:	
Faculty Mentor's Signature:	
Faculty Mentor's Department:	
Access ID e-mail:	
Phone:	

Final Grade:	Additional comments:

For the purposes of *Honors Program Assessment*, please apply the following rubric *(attached)* to the students' work.

Assessment rubric (4 = highest, 1 = lowest)

Problem Defined	Issues Analyzed	Evaluate Solutions Proposed	Compose Effective Written Arguments	TOTAL

Please return this form to: Aundra Freeman E: at3990@wayne.edu | Ph# (313) 577-9075

HON 4998 Thesis Grade Assessment